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Guidelines For Operational Readiness Level 1

Golf Courses

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GUIDELINES FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS LEVEL 1: GOLF COURSES

Operational Readiness Level 1 Golf Course measures outlined in this document will be implemented from **Saturday, 16 May 2020** until further notice. These measures will apply to all Golf Courses in Brunei Darussalam as listed below:

- Pantai Mentiri Golf Club, Mentiri.
- The Empire Golf & Country Club, Jerudong.
- Royal Brunei Golf & Country Club, Jerudong.
- Royal Brunei Airlines Golf Club, Berakas.
- Panaga Golf Club, Seria.
- Royal Police Golf Club, Gadong.
- Royal Armed Forces Golf Club, Berakas.

The following are the major guidelines for Operational Readiness Level 1 Golf Course. Further details are outlined in Annex A.

- Allowed to operate.
- Limited to 50% of usual capacity at one time.
- Open to registered members only.
- Golfers to register in advance (pre-booking needed).
- Every flight is limited to 2 persons.
- 1 buggy per person which needs to be sanitised before and after use, otherwise golfers can walk the course with their own pull trolley.
- Golfers must bring and use their own equipment.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres must be observed at all times.
- Symptomatic and high risk individuals are not allowed to play.
- Ensure social distancing guidelines, including specific guidelines issued by the relevant authorities.
- Golfers are to leave flag sticks in holes. Flag sticks can only be touched with a gloved hand and pick up putts within 1 foot of the hole.
- Driving Range will be opened. Balls should be sanitized before and after each use.

Overall, every club and facility is required to adapt its procedures to ensure compliance with government restrictions. For Operational Readiness Level 1, the following measures will need to be implemented.

1. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE ASPECTS: GENERAL GUIDELINES, BOOKING AND CLUBHOUSE RULES.

a. General Guidelines.

- (1) Golf Courses are only allowed to operate at 50% capacity at one time.
- (2) Club house Cafeteria / Restaurant are allowed to operate at 30% capacity at one time
- (3) Temperature checks and hand sanitizers must be provided at the entrance and at appropriate places throughout the Golf Course.
- (4) Registration and proper record must be done at the entrance for the purpose of contact tracing if required. (The Club should register at the healthinfo app website at www.healthinfo.gov.bn/register to generate a QR code for players to register)
- (5) Golf Courses are open to members only and members are required to register in advance.
- (6) Only a flight limited to 2 players will be allowed to play. Single players will also be permitted and encouraged.
- (7) Each player will be assigned a single buggy or he/she can walk the course with their own pull trolley.
- (8) The clubhouse locker room facilities will remain closed
- (9) Symptomatic and high risk individuals are not allowed to play
- (10) Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres must always be maintain at all times.
- (11) Avoid any physical contact.
- (12) Players must bring their own equipment, towels and water bottles.
- (13) Personal hygiene must be observed at all times.

(14) Signage and Posters on precautionary measures on COVID 19 should be displayed.

(15) For more information on COVID-19, members of the public can contact Health Advice Line 148.

b. Booking.

(1) Clubs and facilities to organize a system of booking and allocation of tee times that ensure the safety of staff and players.

(2) The maximum number of players per tee time are to be confirmed by clubs and facilities and must be in accordance with regulations whereby a flight is limited to 2 players.

(3) There is a minimum of 10-minute intervals between tee times, but longer intervals may be needed depending on the club or facility.

c. Clubhouse Rules.

(1) The maximum number of clients are to be confirmed by the Club house Cafeteria / Restaurant and must be in accordance with the regulation whereby it is limited to operate at 30% capacity at one time.

(2) No gathering will be permitted before or after play in or around the clubhouse.

(3) The use of toilets is allowed and should be sanitize frequently.

(4) Clubs or facilities to communicate in advance with players to advise on social distancing requirements that are being applied on arrival at the club or facility and after finishing the game.

(5) Clubs or facilities to have procedures in place to ensure social distancing requirements at starters' building in advance of players teeing off.

(6) The number of clubhouse assistants will be limited to starters and buggy operators. They will not be permitted to touch or carry players' bags. On arrival at the clubhouse parking lot, players will fetch an assigned buggy, drive it to their cars to pick up their golf bags and standby for tee-off at safe distance from other players.

(7) All clubhouse assistants must wear facemasks and gloves when retrieving the buggies left at the parking lot.

(8) Buggies must be disinfected by the clubhouse. Players are encouraged to bring their own disinfectant for their protection.

(9) No trolleys, carts or other items are to be made available for hire unless safe sanitizing practices can be guaranteed.

2. GOLFERS RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Registration

- (1) Golfers must scan the QR code of the Golf Club and Facility and club house cafeteria or restaurant upon arrival and leaving, for the purpose contact tracing if require.

b. Golf Related Matters.

- (1) Golfers to ensure that they keep at least 2 metres apart during the round (teeing areas, walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots).
- (2) Golfers are not to touch stray balls.
- (3) With no rucks allowed on the course, golfers are to make their best efforts to smooth the sand using their club or their feet.
- (4) Flagsticks should not be touched.
- (5) On the green, pin must remain in place. The hole can be “closed” by lifting the lids above ground. Any ball hitting the lid or pin will be considered holed.
- (6) Ball washers and drinking fountains are not to be used until such time it is allowed.
- (7) Social distancing is important and golfers are to leave the course and club or facility immediately so that there are no gatherings around the clubhouse area until further notice.